

Education Connections

New Leader Continues March Toward Higher Expectations, Greater Results

Newly-appointed Tennessee Education Commissioner Timothy K. Webb (right) takes the helm amid critical reform of Tennessee's education system. A national coalition of business leaders and governors — Achieve, Inc. — in July heralded Tennessee as one of 16 states leading the charge in improving academic standards to better prepare students for success after high school. Of those 16 states, Tennessee was the only state to earn perfect ratings for the aligning math and English/language arts standards to college and career-readiness.

Tennessee's leaders saw the urgent necessity to redesign the state's approach to education and the value of collaborating with other states, business leaders and educators in the process. The result is a stronger set of academic standards endorsed by a diverse and informed national body of advisors.



Setting higher standards for all students reflects the reality that a more advanced skill set is required to progress in a career or college. Tennessee has adopted a 'one-path' diploma recognizing

all students need rigorous preparation regardless of his/her plans after graduation from high school.

The new standards and graduation requirements each carry increased expectations of students. Improvement will take time and likely some growing pains, but the benefit will be to students who have more choices in life due to the caliber of their education.

Looking Back



Moving Forward

New Governor's Schools Offer Unique Summer Experiences- <http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=116>

Sixth Teach Tennessee Class Commences <http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=117>

Partnership Produces Top-Ranking Graduation Rates- <http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=118>

TN Pre-K Community Unites to Enhance Quality <http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=119>

TN Arts Education Director Honored before Peers Nationwide- <http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=122>

TN Announces 08-09 School, District Progress Report- <http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=124>

School Resumes!

59th Superintendents Annual Conference
Sept. 14-17

7th Annual Tennessee Educational LEADership Conference
Nashville Convention Center
Sept. 23 - 25